GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DISRUPTION OF FOOD SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of foodgrains and other essential commodities suffer in the remote flood affected areas of Assam due to disruption of road transport;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to open Food Corporation of India`s sub-depot or godowns in such civil sub-divisions like Majuli, Sadiya, Dhakuakhana, Jonai and Dhemaji;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to maintain buffer stock in these areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. However, a quantity of 6484 MT of rice have been issued during the months of May, 04 to October, 2004 for relief purposes in addition to the normal allocations.

(b), (c) & (d): The FCI has already adequate number of depots in the State for issuing foodgrains to the State Government and is taking all possible steps to maintain buffer stocks to meet the normal and additional requirements of foodgrains in the State.